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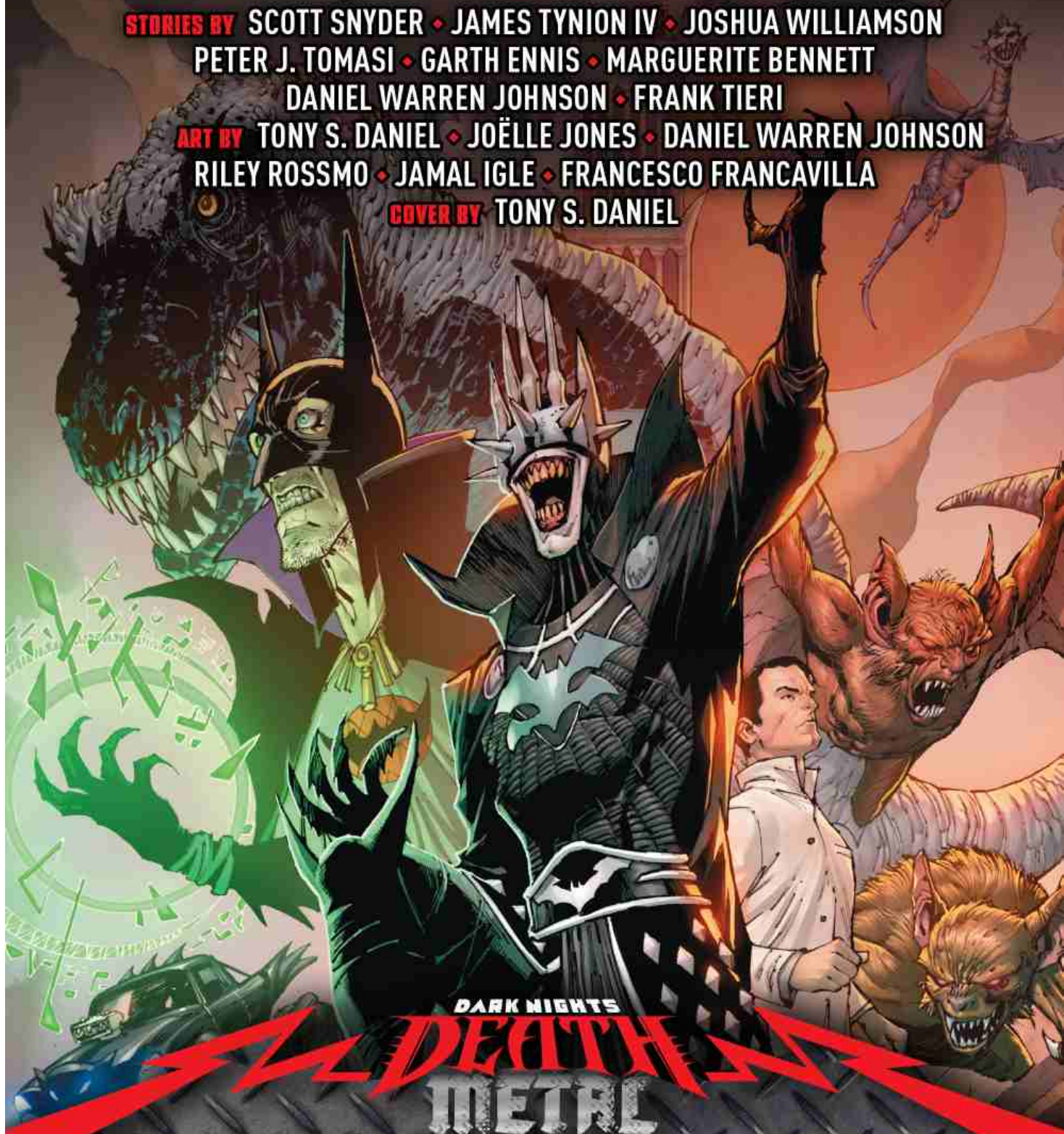
FINCH
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GET READY FOR NEW DARK KNIGHTS!

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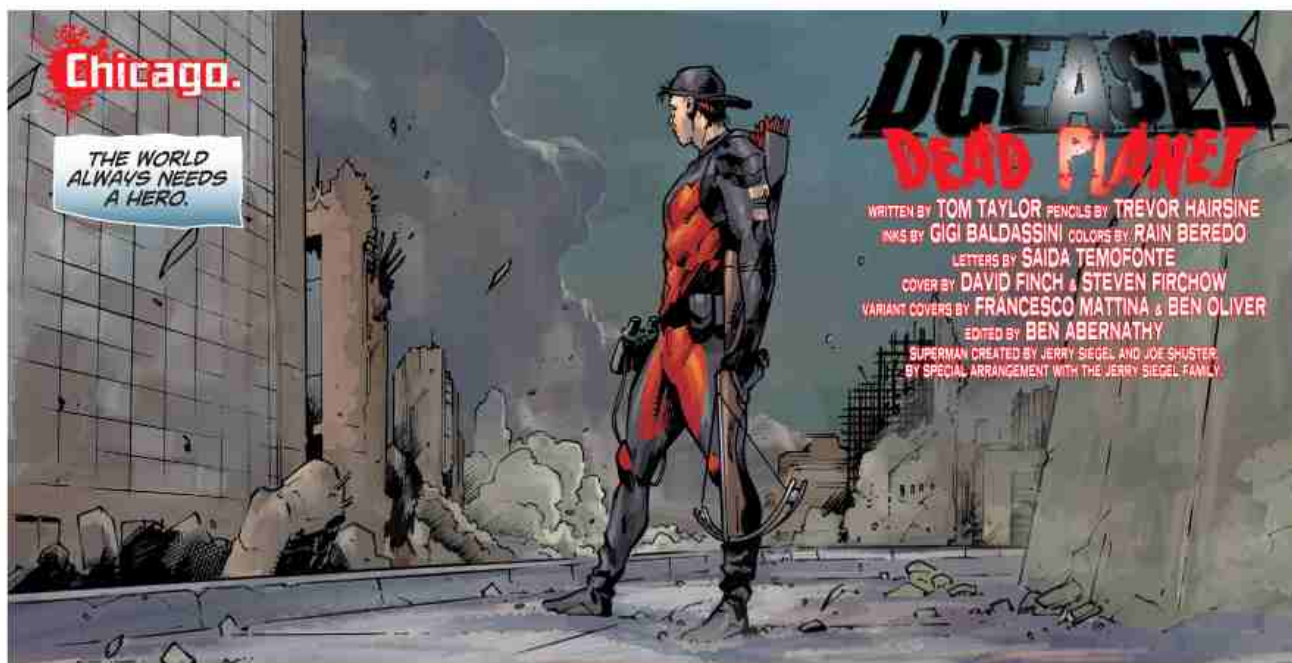
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**LEGENDS
OF THE
DARK KNIGHTS**

NEW ONE-SHOT • AUGUST





BUT SOMETIMES
A HERO JUST
ISN'T ENOUGH.

HRRR!



AGHH!



ROY!

SOMETIMES
THE WORK IS
TOO DIRTY.

AIEEE!

SOMETIMES
THE PROBLEM IS
TOO UGLY.

IN THOSE TIMES,
A HERO JUST
DOESN'T CUT IT.



IN THOSE
TIMES...





THERE WAS BLUE
DEVIL. DAN CASSIDY.
A DEMON WITH A
SOUL STRONG
ALMOST IMPERVIOUS
TO DAMAGE.

THERE
ARE A LOT
MORE THAN
USUAL!



RAGMAN. RORY REGAN.
ABLE TO DRAW ON THE
CORRUPTED SOULS HELD
IN HIS CLOAK FOR
STRENGTH AND SPEED.

AND ONE
OF THEM'S
FLYING AND
ON FIRE.

BUT HIS CLOAK
COULD NOT PULL
THE SOULS FROM
THE ANTI-LIVING.



AND THEIR LEADER,
DETECTIVE CHIMP.
THE GREATEST
DETECTIVE ON THE
PLANET.

BOBO
TO HIS
FRIENDS.

ABLE TO TEAR
PEOPLE'S ARMS
OFF. THOSE
PEOPLE WEREN'T
HIS FRIENDS.



RAVAGER.
ROSE WILSON.
PRECOGNITIVE.
DEADLY.

I DON'T
NEED TO SEE THE
FUTURE TO KNOW
WE'RE SCREWED IF
WE DON'T GET
OUT OF HERE!



AND RED
HOOD.

KINDA LIKE
BATMAN...

...BUT NOT AS
SQUEAMISH.

AND...











"...GET THEM TO SAFETY."

IVY'S GARDEN
MANAGED TO
SHELTER SURVIVORS
FOR FIVE YEARS.

WELCOME!

THE GARDEN'S
SHIFTING, THORNED
WALLS HAD KEPT
OUT EVERY
BLIGHTED ONE...

OH NO.
ZATANNA?
JOHN? DANNY?
RORY?

BOBO?
NOT BOBO!
THAT BEAUTIFUL
HAT-WEARING
CHIMPANZEE--

IT'S OKAY.
THEY'VE ALL
JUST GONE TO
AUSTRALIA.

OH. I
WAS NOT
EXPECTING
YOU TO SAY
THAT.

...BUT
SUPER-POWERED
NIGHTMARES
STALKED OUTSIDE.

AND SO THE
GARDEN RECEIVED
ANOTHER LAYER
OF PROTECTION...



...THE GARDEN'S DEFENSES WERE MAGICALLY AUGMENTED BY THE TOWER OF FATE.

SAFEST PLACE ON THE PLANET. NICE TO LOOK AT, TOO. AND IT WOULD BE EASY TO CONSIDER IT A PARADISE.

BUT IT WASN'T.

RED? WHAT IS IT?

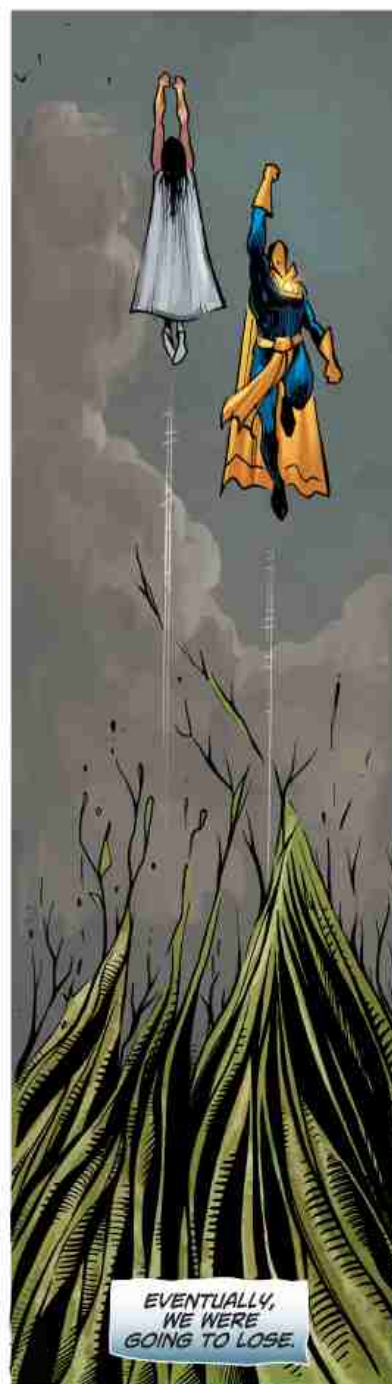
SOMETHING'S COMING...



"FROM ABOVE US.

"OUTSIDE."

IT WAS A LONG, DRAWN-OUT SIEGE.









NO!
HE
DOESN'T
ENTER.



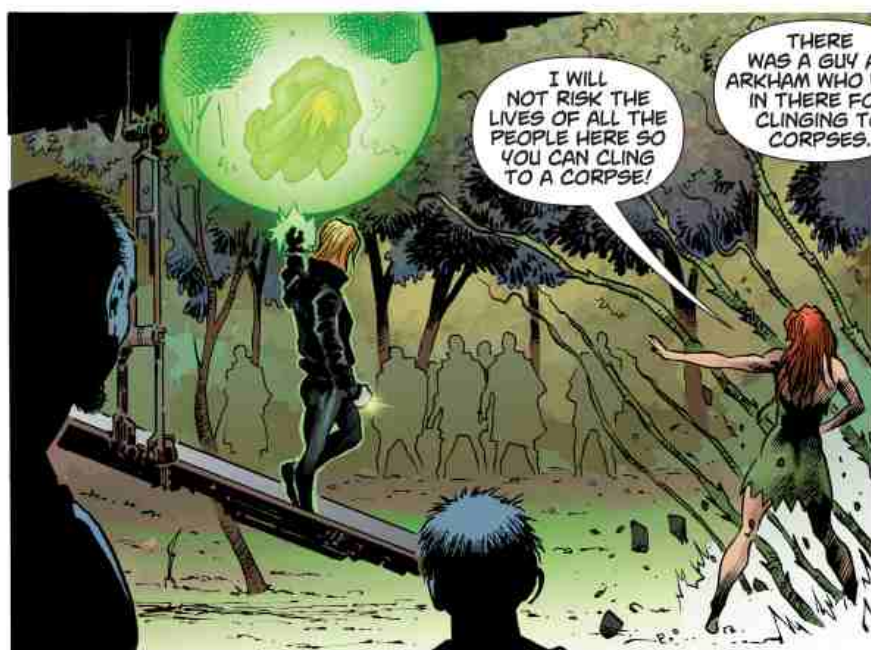
WE
HAVE KEPT
THE ANTI-LIFE
EQUATION
OUTSIDE FOR
FIVE YEARS.

YOU
THINK I'D
ALLOW SOMEONE
TO JUST WALK IN
HERE WITH THE
INFECTION?

I WON'T
LEAVE HIM
ALONE.



THEN
YOU LEAVE
HERE WITH HIM.
YOU FEND FOR
YOURSELF.



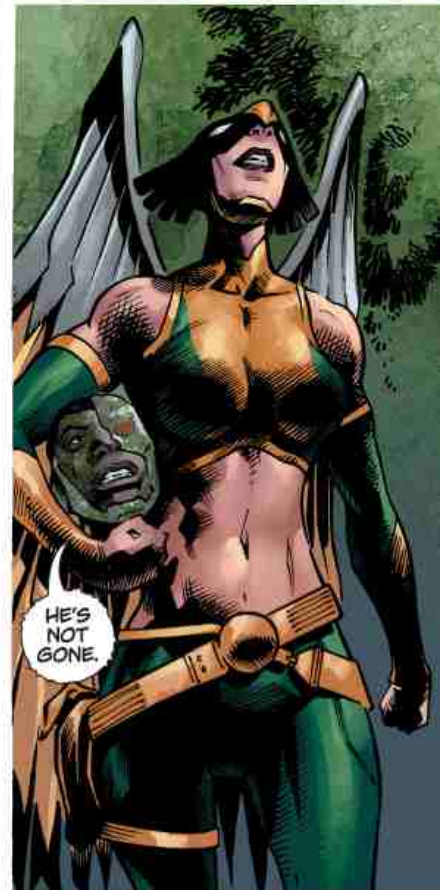
I WILL
NOT RISK THE
LIVES OF ALL THE
PEOPLE HERE SO
YOU CAN CLING
TO A CORPSE!

THERE
WAS A GUY AT
ARKHAM WHO WAS
IN THERE FOR
CLINGING TO
CORPSES.



BUT...THIS
IS PROBABLY
A SLIGHTLY
DIFFERENT
SITUATION.

HEH.



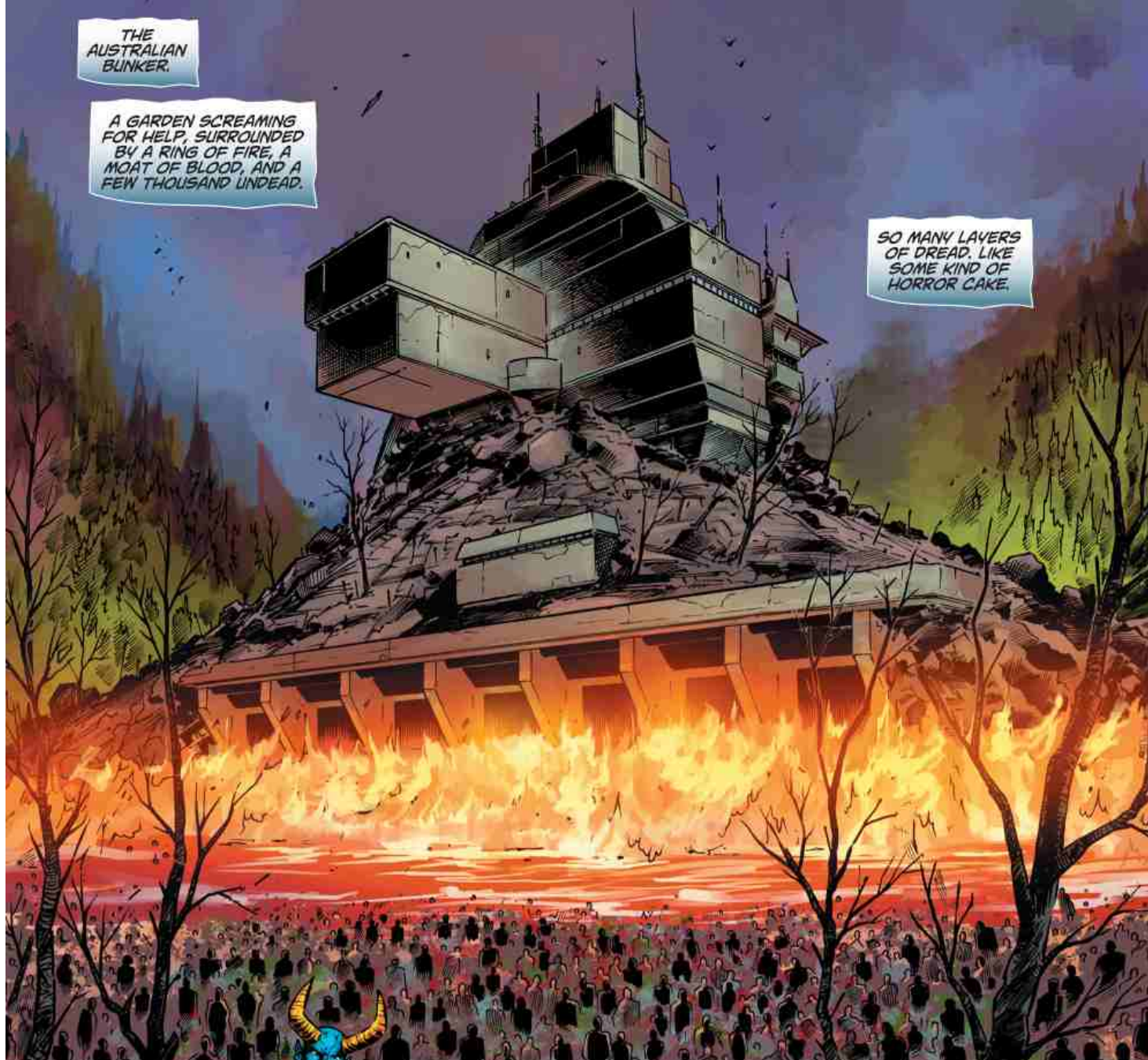




THE
AUSTRALIAN
BUNKER.

A GARDEN SCREAMING
FOR HELP, SURROUNDED
BY A RING OF FIRE, A
MOAT OF BLOOD, AND A
FEW THOUSAND UNDEAD.

SO MANY LAYERS
OF DREAD. LIKE
SOME KIND OF
HORROR CAKE.



MY CLOAK
FEELS THE SOULS
OF THE PEOPLE IN THE
BUNKER. MANY ARE WICKED,
BUT THERE ARE
INNOCENTS, TOO.

CAN YOU
SMELL THAT?
SULFUR.

IT'S
HELLFIRE.



THERE WERE
THOUSANDS OF
BLIGHTED ONES
AROUND THE
BUNKER. JUST...
WAITING.

RIGHT. ZATANNA. IF YOU CAN LIFT US OVER THE ANTI-LIVING AND THE BLOOD MOAT, I CAN GET US A GAP IN THE HELLFIRE.

YOU KNOW, AFTER A SENTENCE LIKE THAT, I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT WE *COULD* JUST TURN AROUND AND GO HOME. PUT OUR FEET UP. MAYBE HAVE A BEER.



NO. WE CAN'T. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO NEED US.

YEAH. I KNOW.

OTNI EHT RIA.



WELL, WE CERTAINLY HAVE THE ATTENTION OF THE ANTI-LIVING.

GREAT. KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR ANYTHING DOWN THERE THAT CAN REACH US.



THE BLOOD MOAT.

IT'S... SHIFTING.



IT'S NOT BLOOD!

WHAT?

IT'S NOT BLOOD! IT'S--



--IT'S
PLASTIC
MAN!

SHADOWPACT
SURVIVED
SO MUCH FOR
SO LONG.

BUT THAT
DAY THE
PACT WAS
BROKEN...



NAGHH!

...TORN APART
AS EASILY
AS RAGS.



ESAE--

MAGIC
WORDS WERE
UNSPOKEN...



...AS LUNGS
WERE FILLED
WITH UNDEAD
SHAPE-SHIFTER.



ZATANNA!



IMPERVIOUS
SKIN WAS
USELESS...

...AS EYES AND
BRAIN MATTER
WERE FORCED
OUT OF A DEVIL'S
HEAD FROM THE
INSIDE.

EARTH'S
MAGICAL RESCUERS
FELL INTO A
MOUTH OF EVIL.

OH @#%!
@#%!

WHILE A
GREATER
EVIL LOOKED
ON WITH COLD,
UNCARING
EYES.



THE NEXT
A GREATER
EVIL

KANADOTH

THE ORIGINAL LORD OF CHAOS HAS RETURNED!

SYNMAR

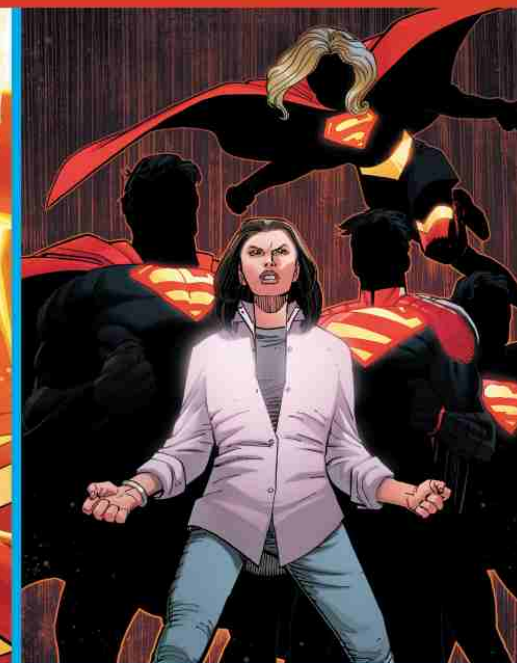
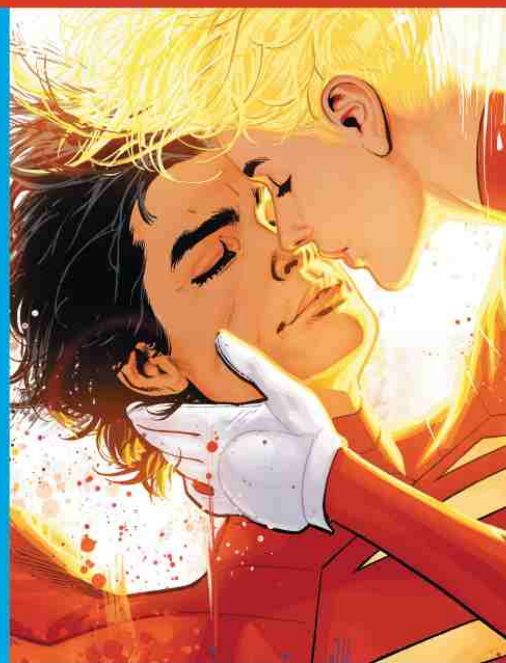
THE BIGGEST THREAT SINCE DOOMSDAY ARRIVES!

LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES

NEW LOVE! NEW KRYPTON! NEW LANTERNS!

THE HOUSE OF KENT

UNITE TO SAVE METROPOLIS!



COSMIC CHILLS AND SUPERNATURAL THRILLS!

STARTING THIS FALL IN

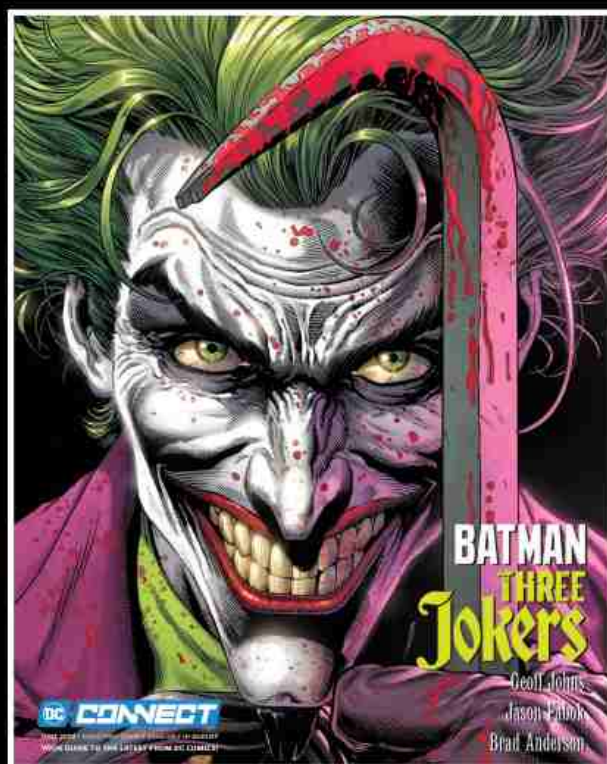
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of Super-
Heroes

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